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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Institute Further Fire Restrictions

Due to high fire danger and continuing drought, additional fire restrictions will be in place in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Monday July 01, 2013:

- No wood or barbecue fires are permitted below 6,000 feet. This includes Ash Mountain and Hospital Rock Picnic Area, Cedar Grove Village picnic areas, and the Foothills and Cedar Grove area campgrounds: South Fork, Potwisha, Buckeye, Sentinel, Sheep Creek, Canyon View, and Moraine. Gas or propane stoves may be used at all elevations.
- For wilderness/backpacking travel, no wood or barbecue fires are permitted at any elevation. Gas or propane stoves may be used at all elevations.
- No smoking at any elevation, except in a campground where wood fires are allowed, an enclosed vehicle, a building which allows smoking, or within designated areas (within 30 feet of existing fire safe ashtrays provided at visitor centers, hotel lobbies, etc).

These National Park Service restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

These restrictions are consistent with the U.S.F.S. Sequoia, Sierra, and Inyo national forests surrounding Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. However, check fire restrictions if you plan to visit national forest or Bureau of Land Management lands.

Fire restrictions reduce the possibility of a person accidentally causing a fire that could threaten visitors and employees during times of extreme fire danger. In areas where fires are still permitted, never leave it unattended. Make sure it is out cold before leaving it or going to sleep.

By following these steps, visitors can help ensure that their visit is safe and enjoyable, as well as help to protect these beautiful parks from unwanted fire.

-- www.nps.gov/seki/fire/fireinfo/current.htm --

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